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# Health Committee

From April, 1962, to April, 1963.

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# Health Department

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Medical Officer of Health:

R. C. WEBSTER, B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H., D.C.H.

Public Health Inspector ... C. MAYOR, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
(till June, 1962)

B. MAYERS, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
(from September, 1962)

Clerk to the Health Department ... .. R. SULLIVAN

TOWN HALL,  
OSWALDTWISTLE.

July, 1964.

**To the Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District of Oswaldtwistle.**

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of Oswaldtwistle for the year ending December 31st, 1962. The report has been drawn up in accordance with Circular 19/56 issued by the Ministry of Health, December, 1956.

The Authority suffered a deep loss with the sudden death on June 1st, 1962, of Mr. Cyril Mayor, who had been Public Health Inspector since 1943. The Position of P.H.I. was filled in September, 1962, by Mr. B. Mayers, of Macclesfield.

The various rates in this report are based upon the Registrar General's estimate of the population for the mid-year 1962.

The Adjusted Death Rate (14.2) is lower than last year, but higher than the rate for the whole country, which was 11.9.

The Death Rate from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory system was nil.

The Maternity Mortality Rate was nil.

The Birth Rate is higher, being 16.4 per 1,000 as compared with 14.9 per 1,000 in 1961. The rate for England and Wales for 1962 is 18.0 per 1,000.

One death occurred in infants under one year, giving an Infantile Mortality Rate 5.3 per 1,000 (live births); this is a decrease of 12.5 on the 1961 figure.

The Still Birth Rate, 10.5 per 1,000 (live and still births), is a decrease of 18.2 per 1,000 on that of 1961.



The Report on the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal is discussed in Section C, the Housing Report in Section D, and in Section F the report on the Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

I am indebted to the Public Health Inspector and the Clerk of the Health Department for their help during the year.

My thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, the Clerk of the Council, the Accountant, Surveyor, and other Officials for their assistance to me in the work of the Public Health Department.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.



# SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres	...	...	...	...	4,885
Population (Census 1951)	...	...	...	...	12,133
„ (Estimated middle 1962)	...	...	...	...	12,190
Number of inhabited houses (according to Rate Book at the end of 1962)	...	...	...	...	4,673
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£120,868
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	£473

## SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND CHIEF INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA.

The occupations of the inhabitants of the township remain similar to those of previous years, namely, cotton spinning and weaving and chemical manufacturing. Some of the male population find employment in an adjoining area in textile machinery works.

A large proportion of the female inhabitants are employed in the cotton industry.

No particular occupation has been noted to have any special influence on the public health.

### The population according to the Census of—

1801 was	2710	1871 was	10282
1811 „	3512	1881 „	12206
1821 „	4960	1891 „	13296
1831 „	5897	1901 „	14192
1841 „	6643	1911 „	15714
1851 „	7654	1921 „	15125
1861 „	9246	1931 „	14221
		1951 „	12133
		1961 „	11910

Houses Inhabited		
1891	...	2753
1901	...	3067
1911	...	3554
1921	...	3676
1931	...	3859
1951	...	4269
1961	...	4612
1962	...	4713

Houses Uninhabited		
1891	...	516
1901	...	297
1911	...	94
1921	...	40
1931	...	47
1951	...	—
1962	...	51

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births	{	Legitimate	...	182	94	88	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	15.5†
		Illegitimate	...	7	5	2		
		Total	...	189	99	90		
Still Births	...	...	...	2	2	0	Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Total (live and still birth) Births ...	10.5
Deaths	...	...	...	175	86	89	Death Rate per 1,000 of the esti- mated res. population .....	14.4*

	Per 1,000 of Population.(Adj.)			Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality Rate	
	Live Birth- rate	Death- rate	Stillbirths Per 1,000 Total Births	Rate Per 1,000 Total Births	Rate Per 1,000 Live Births	Total Rate Per 1,000 Live Births	Neo-natal rate per 1,000 Live Births
Population, 12,190							
Year—1961	14.9	15.7	28.7	Nil	17.8	5.9	
—1962	16.4	14.2	10.5	Nil	5.3	Nil	
Increase or decrease in 1962 on previous year	+ 1.5	—1.5	—18.2	Nil	—12.5	—5.9	
England and Wales	18.0	11.9	18.1	0.35	21.4	15.1	

\* 1962 Adjusted Death-rate (comparability factor 0.99) = 14.2 per 1,000

† 1962 Adjusted Birth-rate (comparability factor 1.06) = 16.4 per 1,000

CAUSES OF DEATH.		M.	F.	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory .....	0	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other .....	0	0	0
3	Syphilitic Disease .....	0	0	0
4	Diphtheria .....	0	0	0
5	Whooping Cough .....	0	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections .....	0	0	0
7	Acute poliomyelitis .....	0	0	0
8	Measles .....	0	0	0
9	Other infective & parasitic diseases	0	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach .....	2	1	3
11	„ „ lung, bronchus	3	0	3
12	„ „ breast .....	0	2	2
13	„ „ uterus .....	0	1	1
14	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	11	3	14
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia .....	0	0	0
16	Diabetes .....	0	1	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	24	36
18	Coronary disease, angina .....	26	9	35
19	Hypertension with heart disease ...	2	3	5
20	Other heart disease .....	6	22	28
21	Other circulatory disease .....	5	9	14
22	Influenza .....	2	2	4
23	Pneumonia .....	3	1	4
24	Bronchitis .....	4	4	8
25	Other diseases, respiratory system	2	0	2
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum...	2	0	2
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa ...	0	0	0
28	Nephritis and nephrosis .....	0	1	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate .....	0	0	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	0	0	0
31	Congenital Malformations .....	0	0	0
32	Other defined & ill-defined diseases	1	4	5
33	Motor Vehicle accident .....	0	0	0
34	All other Accidents .....	3	2	5
35	Suicide .....	2	0	2
36	Homicide and operations of war ...	0	0	0
TOTAL ...		86	89	175
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Deaths under one year. Legitimate ...		1	0	1
Illegitimate ...		0	0	0

## SECTION B.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

#### Public Health Officers of the Council.

Medical Officer of Health, R. C. Webster, B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H.,  
D.C.H. Part time Officer. Salary contributed to.

Public Health Inspector, C. Mayor, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
(till June, 1962). B. Mayers, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., (from  
September, 1962). Whole time officers.

#### Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are carried out  
at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston, with the exception  
of sputum examination for Tuberculosis, these being examined at  
the Chest Clinic, Blackburn Royal Infirmary.

Chemical analysis is carried out when required by the Public  
Analyst, Burnley.

The following specimens were submitted for examination:—

Milk for Methylene Blue and B. Coli	...	...	2
„ Phosphatase Test	...	...	1
„ Brucella Test	...	...	52
„ Turbidity Test	...	...	2
Water for bacteria	...	...	20
„ Chemical Analysis	..	...	6

#### Ambulance Service.

The ambulance service is operated by the Lancashire County  
Council from Station No. 2, No. 5 Health Division, at Accrington.

#### Professional Nursing in the Home.

(a) GENERAL NURSING.—Carried out by 2 District  
Nurses under the Lancashire County Council.

(b) FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—The nursing of such  
cases as measles, pneumonia, and puerperal sepsis, is carried out  
by the District Nurses.



# CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

## Maternity and Child Welfare.

	Situation	Accommodation	By whom pro'v'd
Chief Centre	Barnfield, Union Road, Oswaldtwistle	Ample	Owned by the County Council
			Meetings and Consultations every Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Ante-natal Clinic, Tuesday a.m.

## OTHER CLINICS.

Day Nurseries		None	
School Clinics	Barnfield, Oswaldtwistle	Eye, Ear and Dental and Minor Ailments Clinics	County Council
Tuberculosis	Chest Clinic, Blackburn Royal Infirmary		County Council
Venereal Diseases	Blackburn Royal Infirmary	At the Out-patients Department	County Council
Orthopaedic Clinic	Rishton		County Council

Chiropody Clinic for the elderly	Barnfield, Oswaldtwistle	5 Sessions weekly, by appointment.
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**Hospitals.**

- (1) Tuberculosis        ...    Provided by the County Council.
- (2) Maternity ...        ...    } None.
- (3) Children    ...        ...    }
- (4) Fever        . .        ...    }        Cases are sent to Blackburn  
   Hospital when difficulty in  
   isolating at home arises.
- (5) Other Hospitals available for the District:—

Blackburn Royal Infirmary.  
Accrington Victoria Hospital.  
Queen’s Park Hospital, Blackburn.  
Manchester Royal Infirmary.  
Bull Hill, Darwen—Maternity.  
Bramley Meade, Whalley—Maternity.  
Accrington Municipal Maternity Home.

**Midwives.**

There is one resident midwife, and others residing in adjoining districts cover part of the township. Domiciliary mid-wifery appears to be adequate, although hospital accommodation is limited. This service is under the control of the County Council.

SECTION C

Sanitary Circumstances of  
the Area

Including the Report

OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supply.

The Township is supplied with water from the Council's own waterworks. The gathering grounds provide upland surface water to the four reservoirs, the holding capacity of which when full are as follows:—

Jackhouse Reservoir	...	...	58,000,000	gallons
Cocker Cobbs Reservoir	...	...	11,200,000	gallons
Residium Reservoir	...	...	3,000,000	gallons
Belthorn Reservoir	...	..	800,000	gallons

Some years ago the Council installed a Pumping Station at Town Bent Pit; this considerably augments the water supply, and acts as a reserve in the event of any drought. The pump is capable of raising 25,000 gallons per hour.

The rainfall during the year is given in detail as follows:—

January	...	7.12	August	...	7.07
February	...	4.57	September	...	7.19
March	...	2.42	October	...	2.42
April	...	5.28	November	...	2.90
May	...	5.02	December	...	5.21
June	...	2.21			<hr/>
July	...	3.86			55.27
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The greatest rainfall in a month since January, 1882. was 17.92 inches in September, 1918, and the lowest 0.15 inches in June, 1925. The highest rainfall in 1962 was during the month of September. Total rainfall in 1961 was 59.29 inches.

### Water Samples.

The quantity and quality of the Council's water during the year appears to have been satisfactory.

Twenty-six samples of water were examined from the Council's own water going into supply. Twenty samples were submitted for bacteriological examination and six for chemical analysis. The water is not liable to plubosolvency action. Of the 20 submitted for Bacteriological Examination, 6 were unsatisfactory. On investigation it was found that each of these unsatisfactory samples were probably as a result of faults on the chlorinating equipment at the reservoirs. One sample was taken from a private supply and was satisfactory.

No. of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains direct to houses	4,728
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No. of inhabitants in these houses ...	11,940
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There are no houses supplied from the public water mains by means of standpipes.

There are approximately 135 houses on private water supplies, the number of inhabitants of these houses being 250.

### **Drainage and Sewerage.**

There was no extension of the sewerage system during the year. The sewerage is treated at the Council's Aspen Sewage Works, which is of modern design, and the treatment is biological. The village of Belthorn has a separate sewage disposal works on the same principle, and the Knuzden and Peel Fold Sewage is dealt with by the Blackburn County Borough.

The districts of Cross Edge and Duckworth Hall are without a proper sewage system.

### **Rivers and Streams.**

There are two main streams flowing through the district, the Tinker and Smithy Brooks. In the latter case a chemical works discharge their effluent thereto, and although this effluent is generally known as "neutral", there is no escaping the fact that on many occasions there is a distinct chemical odour given off the bed of the stream.

### **Closet Accommodation.**

The closet conversion scheme has continued during the year, and the particulars regarding the number of waste water closets and pail closets to fresh water is given elsewhere in the report.

### **Shops Act, 1950.**

Shops were inspected under the above Act. There were no contraventions as regards ventilation and temperature or sanitary accommodation.

### **Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.**

Three licences for single caravans, and one licence for a maximum of 20 caravans at one site, were issued. The latter site is used by travelling salesmen who station their vans thereon for varying periods. Sanitary conditions are reasonable at all the sites.

### **Clean Air Act, 1956.**

### **Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958.**

The above Regulations replaced the existing Bye-laws regarding the emission of Black Smoke on the 1st June, 1958.

Fifteen observations were made during the year.

In general the co-operation of industrialists has been satisfactory, there being a genuine desire on their part to fulfil the obligations required at law, and an acceptance of the social responsibilities involved.

The Building Bye-laws now require all new domestic buildings to be equipped with fire-grates capable of burning smokeless fuels.

No. of factory chimneys in the district .....	28
No. of factory units mechanically fired .....	12
No. of factory units hand fired with solid smokeless fuels .....	3
No. of factory units oil fired .....	1
No. of factory units hand fired with bituminous coal .....	7
No. of observations taken .....	15
No. of observations unsatisfactory .....	0

## Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no swimming baths or pools within the district.

## Schools.

These are adequately dealt with by the School Medical Officer of the Lancashire County Council.

Routine inspection of school children is carried out by the School Medical Officer of Health, and when necessary by the District Medical Officer of Health. The School M.O.H. and District M.O.H. co-operate with regard to school closure in the prevention of the spread of infectious disease. Contacts of infectious disease are excluded from school.

### Sanitary Inspections during 1962.

No. of premises visited ... ..	1,120
Defects or nuisances discovered	608
Defects or nuisances abated ...	544

No. of notices served:—

(a)	Informal	...	...	...	237
(b)	Statutory	...	...	...	4

### Classification of Inspections.

Housing—Public Health Act (Primary Inspections)...	93
or Housing Acts	
„                    (Re-inspections) ...	43
Drainage ... ..	128



Refuse Bins	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
„ (Re-inspections)	...	...	...	...	...	...	205
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Dairies and Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Food preparation premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Tips	...	...	...	...	...	...	99
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	165
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	183
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	195
Smoke Abatement	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Street Cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Milk Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Water Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Conversions of W.W.C.'s to W.C.'s	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Conversion of Pails to W.C.'s	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

### Nuisances and Defects Discovered and Abated.

	Discovered	Abated
Defective roofs	10	6
Eavesgutters	1	2
Defective outer walls	3	1
„ ceiling plaster	4	1
„ wall plaster	2	1
„ refuse bins	205	120
Choked drains, etc.	326	326
Defective floors	1	0
„ chimney stacks	5	3
„ W.C. compartments	0	1
„ Sinks	1	1
„ W.W.C.'s	2	1
„ Window frames	5	3

Defective fireplaces	...	...	...	1	...	1
„ doors and door frames	...	...	...	5	...	4
„ yard drains	...	...	...	2	...	2
„ rainwater pipes	...	...	...	1	...	1
Dampness	...	...	...	6	...	4
Dirty premises	...	...	...	2	...	1
Accumulations	...	...	...	5	...	3

#### Closet Accommodation at end of 1962.

No. of pail closets	...	...	...	...	...	227
No. of moveable ashbins for refuse	...	...	...	...	...	5289
No. of fresh water closets	...	...	...	...	...	3470
No. of waste water closets	...	...	...	...	...	1505

#### Conversions.

					During the year 1962
No. of pail closets to fresh water closets	...	...	...	...	8
No. of waste water closets to fresh water closets	...	...	...	...	61

#### Rodent Control—Prevention of damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Treatments are carried out in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Agriculture, and below are indicated the number of treatments carried out during the year, involving 416 visits.

The sewage system and refuse tips received treatments, and the success of these treatments has a considerable bearing on the surface infestation of rats. Some persistent infestations are difficult to eradicate owing to the age of the sewers and drains serving the premises. The most one can apparently hope for in these cases is to constantly control the infestation pending times when capital expenditure can adequately deal with the main sewer system.

## Infestation Treatments.

		Private Premises.	Business Premises.
<b>Rats.</b>			
Number of Treatments	...	50	60
<b>Mice.</b>			
Number of Treatments	...	14	8
<b>Sewer Treatments.</b>			
1.—Full Maintenance Treatment, 24th—31st July, 1962:—			
Number of Manholes Treated		...	104
Number of Complete Takes		...	10
Number of Partial Takes		...	4

## Chief Sanitary Requirements of District.

The necessity for securing the repair or demolition of unfit houses and improving the general standard of housing accommodation throughout the district.

Complete the conversion of waste water closets and pail closets wherever practicable.

Abatement of atmospheric pollution particularly from domestic premises.



## SECTION D — HOUSING.

### Housing Statistics for the year 1962.

Number of new houses erected during the year—

	Houses	Flats
(1) By Local Authorities ... ..	0	0
(2) By other Local Authorities ...	0	0
(3) By other persons ... ..	77	0

### I—Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.

1	(a) Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	93
	(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose ... ..	136
2	Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:	
	(a) No. found during the year ... ..	—
	(b) No. (or estimated No.) at end of year ... ..	30
3.	No of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit ... ..	30

### II—Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954).

1	No. of dwelling-houses demolished during the year:	
	(a) Unfit houses ... ..	0
	(b) Other houses ... ..	0
2	No. of persons displaced ... ..	0

### III—Houses not included in Clearance Areas.

#### 1 Houses demolished or closed during year:

	No. of Houses	Persons Displaced
(a) Housing Act, 1936:		
(i) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Sec. 11)	Nil	None
(ii) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11 and is still in force           ...           ...           ...	Nil	None
(iii) Parts of building closed (Section 12)           ...           ...           ...	Nil	None
(b) Housing Act, 1949:		
(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 3(1) and 3(2)           ...           ...           ...	Nil	None
(c) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953:		
(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 10(1) and 11(2)           ...           ...           ...	Nil	None

#### 2 Repairs during the year:

	No. of houses
(a) Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts   ...	21
(b) Public Health Acts — action after service of formal notice — Houses on which defects were remedied:—	
(i) by owners           ...           ...           ...	2
(ii) by local authority in default of owners   ...	0
(c) Housing Act, 1957 — action after service of formal notice (Sections 9 and 16): Houses made fit:	
(i) by owners           ...           ...           ...	0
(ii) by local authority in default of owners   ...	0
(d) Housing Repair and Rents Act, 1954: Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked           ...           ...	0

**IV—Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954).**

1	No. of houses at end of year retained for temporary accommodation and approved for grant under Sec. 7.	0
2	No. of separate dwellings contained in (1) above ...	0
3	No. of houses at end of year licensed for temporary occupation (Section 6) ... ..	0

**Rent Act, 1957.**

**Part I—Applications for Certificates of Disrepair.**

1	Number of applications for certificates ... ..	Nil
2	Number of decisions not to issue certificates ... ..	Nil
3	Number of decisions to issue certificates:—	
	(a) In respect of some, but not all defects ... ..	Nil
	(b) In respect of all defects ... ..	Nil
4	Number of undertakings given by landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule ... ..	Nil
5	Number of undertakings refused by the Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule ... ..	Nil
6	Number of certificates issued ... ..	Nil

**Part II—Applications for Cancellation of Certificates.**

7	Applications for cancellation of certificates ... ..	Nil
8	Objections by occupiers to cancellation ... ..	Nil
9	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel certificates ...	Nil
10	Number of certificates cancelled ... ..	Nil

## SECTION E.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### Milk Supply.

The milk produced or brought into the district is on the whole of good quality.

Fifty-seven samples of milk were taken during the year. Indicated below are the bacteriologist's results:—

Graded Milk.	No.	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Methylene Blue Test	2	2	—
Brucella .....	52	42	10
Phosphatase .....	1	1	—
Turbidity .....	2	2	—

#### Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947-52.

There are 69 premises registered for the sale of ice-cream.

Two of these premises are also registered for the manufacture of ice-cream.

Eighteen routine inspections were made in connection with these registered premises.

#### Meat and Other Foods.

All butchers' shops and food stores are visited and inspected regularly in accordance with the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. There are no meat stalls in the district.

#### Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The following table shows the number of premises on the register at the end of the year.

Preparation rooms, butchers' shops, etc.	...	...	20
Bakehouses	...	...	22
Ice-cream premises	...	...	69



**Number of food premises, by type of business, in district at end of year.**

Greengrocers and fruiterers (inc. wet fish, game, etc.)	16
General grocers and provision dealers ... ..	62
Fishmongers (inc. poultry, game, etc.) ... ..	1
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and pre-served meat, etc.) ... ..	16
Bakers and/or confectioners ... ..	22
Fried fish shops ... ..	8
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream, etc. ... ..	29
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars, etc. ... ..	64
Others ... ..	3

**Unsound Food.**

The following foodstuffs have been condemned during the year as being unfit for human consumption.

Dairy Cream	...	...	...	1 tin
Salmon	...	...	...	3 „
Luncheon Meat	...	...	...	4 „
Milk	...	...	...	3 „
Fruit	...	...	...	24 „
Tomatoes	...	...	...	1 „
Corned Beef	...	...	...	4 „
Cooked Ham	...	...	...	1 „
Tongue	...	...	...	5 „
Chicken	...	...	...	1 „

## **SECTION F.**

### **PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

#### **Scarlet Fever.**

During 1962, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified.

#### **Diphtheria.**

No cases were notified for the seventeenth year in succession. Immunisation of children is carried out by the Lancashire County Council at their Barnfield House Clinic.

#### **Enteric (including Paratyphoid) Fever.**

No cases were notified in 1962.

#### **Measles, Whooping Cough, Chicken-pox, etc.**

There were 9 cases of Measles notified during the year.

#### **Small-pox.**

No cases of small-pox occurred during the year, and no action was necessary under the Small-pox Prevention Regulations, 1917.

#### **Public Health (Infectious Disease) Regulations, 1927.**

No cases of acute primary or acute influenzal pneumonia were notified during the year.

# SECTION F.

## Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

Disease.	Total Under										Total Deaths
	cases	1 yr.	1-3 yrs.	3-5 yrs.	5-10 yrs.	10-15 yrs.	15-25 yrs.	25-45 yrs.	45-65 yrs.	65 & over	
Scarlet Fever ...	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis (Res.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles ...	9	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery ...	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Poisoning ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acute Pneumonia (Prim & Inf'zal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ac. Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals ...	14	0	5	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0



**Prevention of Blindness.**

No action necessary during the year.

**Cancer.**

There were 23 deaths from Cancer during the year.

**Tuberculosis.**

**New Cases and Mortality during 1962.**

Age periods  years	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-55	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-65	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
65 upwds.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	2		1		0		0	

**Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952.**

No. of cases of Tuberculosis remaining on the notification Register on 31st December, 1962:—

Total Cases	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
36	18	5	23	9	4	13

## APPENDIX.

### FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

#### 1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices
(i) Factories under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 ... ..	32	3	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority ... ..	75	9	1
(iii) Other Premises ... ..	0	0	0
Total ...	107	12	1

#### 2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Found	Remedied
(a) Insufficient ... ..	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	1	1
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	0	0
(d) Other offences ... ..	0	0
Total ...	1	1

#### 4. Outwork. Sections 110 and 111.

No. of Outworkers ... 13

## HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION & STREET CLEANSING

1st April, 1962 to 31st March, 1963.

The following are the costs of house refuse collection and disposal.

						1962-63
						£
Wages of Workmen	...	...	...	...	...	6860
Motor Transport	...	...	...	...	...	3966
Insurance	...	...	...	...	...	421
Superannuation	...	...	...	...	...	325
Protective Clothing	...	...	...	...	...	191
Printing	...	...	...	...	...	16
Tyres	...	...	...	...	...	131
Garages	...	...	...	...	...	183
Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	12
						<hr/> 12,105
Less Receipts						... 461
						<hr/> £11,644

### House Refuse Disposal.

						£
Rent of Tips	...	...	...	...	...	60
Wages, Rates	...	...	...	...	...	817
Maintenance	...	...	...	...	...	349
						<hr/> 1,226
Less Receipts						... 52
						<hr/> £1,174

Total, House Refuse Collection and Disposal, £12,818

**Number of Houses Cleansed.**

1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
209,907	208,716	186,712	173,320	169,473	166,410
1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
181,137	199,944	244,337	240,412	227,974	209,014
1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
182,993	214,751	242,374	259,746	258,080	264,006
1960	1961	1962			
264,715	275,327	282,285			

Estimated number of tons removed .....	3,394
Estimated weight per 1,000 persons per day (cwts.)	15.5
Cost per house per cleaning .....	10.5d.

**Street Cleansing.**

The following shows the mileage of the roads and streets which are cleansed by the Health Department:—

Blackburn Road (A679)	...	...	...	1.96 miles
Union Road and New Lane (B6231)	...			1.22 „
Stanhill and Stanhill Lane (B6234)	..			1.02 „
Class III Roads, No. 1 and 3	...	...		0.96 „
Public Streets	...	...	...	10.85 „
				————
				16.01 miles
				————

**Expenditure.**

**Public Streets.**

						1962-63
						£
Wages, Public Street	...	...	...	...	...	268
Gully Cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	320
Brushes and Shovels	...	...	...	...	...	4
Printing	...	...	...	...	...	9
Transport	...	...	...	...	...	5
Truck Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	4
Superannuation	...	...	...	...	...	40
Litter Bins	...	...	...	...	...	11
						<hr/> £663 <hr/>

Cost per mile, £61.

**Details of Salvage collected and sold during 1962-63.**

						£	s.	d.
Paper	...	...	...	...	...	£340	7	2
Rags, carpets, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	£23	16	0
Metals	...	...	...	...	...	£34	14	2
						<hr/> £398	17	4 <hr/>



